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SUBJ: CREW LIST VISA PROBLEMS

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL B (PARA 9), CONGEN HAS LEARNED
FOLLOWING CONCERNING THIRD COUNTRIES' CREW LIST VISA
OPERATIONS.

2. THE SWEDES AND JAPANESE APPARENTLY HAVE AN ENTIRELY
INFORMAL APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF SHORE LEAVE FOR
CREWS OF SHIPS, PERMITTING SHORE LEAVE APPARENTLY ON
PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION. FOR THE JAPANESE, THE
PRESENTATION OF THE SEAMAN'S CARD OR PASSPORT SUFFICES
FOR SOVIET SEAMAN TO BE PERMITTED ASHORE IN TOKYO AND
YOKOHAMA FOR PERIODS OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THEY ARE,
HOWEVER, RESTRICTED TO THE CITY AND ARE APPARENTLY ALSO
RESTRICTED IN POINT OF NOT BEING ALLOWED TO VISIT CERTAIN
PLACES IN THE CITY. THE SAME SITUATION OBTAINS RECIPROCALLY
IN NAKHODKA FOR JAPANESE SEAMEN, ACCORDING TO ONE
OFFICER WHO HAS RECENTLY SERVED THERE. COMMENT: WE
PRESUME THIS PRACTICE IS ALSO FOLLOWED ELSEWHERE IN
THE USSR. END COMMENT. JAPANESE CONSOFFS REPORTED
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THEY DO MUCH LESS SHIPPING TO LENINGRAD THAN TO
NAKHODKA.

3. THE FRENCH AND GERMANS DO REQUIRE SHIPPERS TO OBTAIN
CREW LIST VISAS, BUT THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL DOES
NOT DEAL WITH THIS TRANSACTION IN LENINGRAD. THE GERMANS
HAVE A SYSTEM OF "COLLECTIVE VISAS" SUCH THAT LISTS OF

CREW AND PASSENGERS ON SHIPS AND BUSES CAN BE STAMPED WITH VISAS, WHICH REQUIRE THE GROUP TO STAY TOGETHER. BUT FOR SHIPS CREW LIST VISAS PER SE, GERMANS APPARENTLY REQUIRE SOVIET SHIPPERS TO SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL PASSPORTS FOR THE CREWS. THESE PASSPORTS ARE THEN SEPARATELY VISAED. GERMAN CONGENOFF DISPLAYED SACKFUL OF SOVIET PASSPORTS FOR THE CREW OF A SHIP ABOUT TO DEPART FOR GERMANY.

4. POST REGRETS DELAY OF REPLY AND LACK OF MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, BUT ALL REGULAR LENINGRAD CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE EITHER AWAY OR ON ROTATION.NEUBERT

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